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Council of M.D. of Wainwright Hold First Session of 1944

Wainwright, Alta., Jan. 13, 1944

The Council of the Municipal District of Wainwright, No. 392, met in the Council Chamber of the Municipal District on Thursday, January 13, 1944, full Council present as follows: Councillors Fahner, Strachan, Sutherland, Spencer, Dixon, Taylor and Archibald.

Reeve Sutherland in the chair. Moved by Clr. Spencer that the Minutes of our meeting of December 9th, 1943, be adopted as written.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Taylor that the following accounts as approved by the Finance Committee be passed and order paid.—Total \$28.667.54.

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that the following pay-sheets be passed and ordered paid.—Total \$831.57.

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that the hospital account of Mrs. E. Lamore be investigated by Clr. Fahner, and a report made at our next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Archibald that the account of R. Harder received from the Viking Hospital be returned as this is not an indigent case.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Taylor that on the advice of our legal advisor we return the account of A. J. Muddle re arbitration.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Dixon that the account of Dr. Folkins regarding land for the roadway, and the moving and re-setting of fence be referred to Clr. Fahner for investigation and report.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Dixon that the Monthly Financial Statement as presented by the Secretary be incorporated in the Minutes.—Carried.

ADMINISTRATION AND TAXATION

The Ministerial Order under date of January 8th withdrawing Part 41 in Ranges 4, 5 and 6 West

of the 4th Meridian, from our District, and adding the same to the Municipal District of Provost No. 362, was read by the Secretary and approved by the Council.

Moved by Clr. Fahner that the Fire Insurance Policy on the Chauvin Office Building with the Portage la Prairie Mutual Insurance Company be cancelled.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Spencer that the resignation of H. U. Taylor as turning officer for the year 1944, be accepted, and that Chas. Wilbraham be appointed to this position.—Carried.

Reeve Sutherland gave a report of the Municipal Districts Association Convention held in Calgary last November.

Moved by Clr. Fahner that the Delegate's report as rendered by the evee and supplemented by the other Delegates be accepted.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Strachan that the arrear of Wild Land Taxes as listed hereunder be cancelled:

SW 26-42-1-4	\$11.24
NW 26-43-3-4	20.77
SW 26-44-3-4	23.23

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs re the Installation of the new accounting system read and noted.

A letter from the Edgerton Board of Trade re office in Edgerton. The Secretary instructed to advise regarding this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS

Secretary reported re accounts forwarded to Kirwan, Town of Wainwright, and Army Camp.

Letter from E. D. Robertson regarding our request for additional grant on the road from Highway No. 14, to the Village of Chauvin, read and ordered filed.

Letter from D. Fitzgerald regarding road machinery for sale to the Department for the ap-

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Report of the Reeve and Clr. Fahner regarding the M. S. Preston account.

Moved by Clr. Spencer that we offer M. S. Preston \$25.00 as complete payment for moving trash and re-building fence as set out in his statement, and that the Secretary be authorized to send him a cheque for this amount.—Carried.

A letter from D. W. Ritchie regarding maintainers advising that none are for sale.

Moved by Clr. Fahner that the matter of Mrs. M. M. Tripp and the gravel pit on SE 16-45-9-4 be tabled until such time as the weather permits an investigation.—Carried.

A letter from A. P. C. Belyea in regard to a Road Diversion on the NW 9-45-4-4 advising that same is still registered was read and noted.

A letter from G. H. A. Monkman, Deputy Minister of Public Works, regarding Municipal Liability for bridges read and ordered filed.

A letter from the Union Tractor and Harvesting Company regarding the road machinery situation was read and ordered filed.

A letter from the Edgerton Board of Trade regarding roads liable to be blocked by snow, was read and the Secretary instructed to advise that arrangements have already been made to keep the location mentioned open if they should become blocked.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that the matter of disposing of the house on the NW 6-43-3-4 be left with Clr. Spencer, to make a report at our next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Archibald that the matter of disposing of the house on NW 28-45-5-4 be left with Clr. Taylor, he to report at our next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that Bylaw No. 50 concerning the sale of the NE 4-45-3-4 be given first and second reading and forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that Bylaw No. 51 regarding the sale of the SE 32-41-6-4 will be in the Municipal District of Provost, No. 362, after January 15, 1944.

Moved by Clr. Taylor that Bylaw No. 49, concerning the sale of the SE 18-46-7-4 be given first reading and forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Sutherland that Bylaw No. 51 regarding the sale of the SE 35-44-5-4 to Mrs. Mae Ford be given first and second reading and forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister.

Moved by Clr. Taylor that Bylaw No. 52 concerning the sale of the SE 20-45-5-4 be given first and second reading and forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Minister.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Spencer that Bylaw No. 46 be given third reading and finally passed, and that the Reeve and Secretary be authorized to draw an agreement in this connection.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Dixon that Bylaw No. 47 concerning the sale of the SW 25-45-7-4 be given third reading and finally passed.—Carried.

Moved by Clr. Archibald that the offer of Gerald Scott to purchase the NE 4-44-9-4 be accepted and he be advised that on receipt of the cash payment we will prepare the necessary Bylaw.—Carried.

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Kinsella Red Cross Exceeded Objective During Past Year

The annual meeting of the Kinsella Red Cross was held in the Municipal Office on Monday, January 10th. The Secretary announced that the objective of \$400 for the year has been reached, and a good number of articles have been sent to headquarters during the past year.

Mrs. Charles Turnbull, who has spent the past few months in Toronto with her sister and other relatives arrived home a few days ago.

We regret to report that news came through on Sunday night, that Flt.-Sgt. Lyle Smart is reported missing.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Marks spent a few days in Edmonton last week.

Mr. Clayton Barker left for the city on Monday morning for medical attention.

Mr. Dave Corbett was an Edmonton visitor last week.

Mr. D. Brooks, formerly of Kinsella, now living in Czar, was in town last week.

Harold Reece, of Bashaw, whose parents were formerly Kinsella residents, is working on the Marks farm for the winter.

A Red Cross tea will be held in the Kinsella Hotel on Saturday, January 22nd, from 3 to 5. Come and meet your friends.

L.O.B.A. CARD PARTY

A most successful whist drive was held to start off the new series, last Saturday evening when 14 tables of players enjoyed a jolly evening. The high scores were very even, the winners getting the honors by a small margin, Mr. Carl Larson being the winning lady, while Mr. Carl Larson topped the gents' score. The low scores went to Mrs. Robert McLean and Mr. C. E. Fenton.

The ledge plan to run a series of whist drives at two weeks' intervals so the next one will be on January 29th.

The Ladies' Orange Lodge are very grateful to all who turned out to help make a success of the first card party of the season, and cordially invite their friends back again in two weeks, to which we promise a bigger and better evening in every way;

Now, that is easy, isn't it. You will have fun, too, with your study. Good luck to you.

THE LADY CURLERS

Our wash day's off schedule. And our Monday supper's late. We wear the wierdest sets of togs. Our heels we elevate.

All the big ones and the little ones

Are bent on being curlers

And the competition's run.

We tangle with the rocks and brooms,

In vigor—no holds barred—

When 'ere our skips call out to us:

"Oh sweep, girls! sweep if ha-a-r-d!"

Now, after all this exercise,

We sleep, to wake in fright,

So take this for a sample

That I dreamed the other night.

The ladies' choir in surplices

Came tripping down the ice;

The white robes billowed out behind,

And really looked quite nice,

As with their anthem books they fanned.

Each rock that would retard,

While skips in clear contralto sang

"Oh sweep, girls! sweep in ha-a-r-d!"

From bad to worse that dream went on—

It was Sunday, and the choir took their long accustomed place

in ski suits for attire.

The leader with a curling broom

Instead of a baton

Proceeded without more ado

To lead the anthem on.

The ladies followed faultlessly,

Crescendo and nitard.

This was the burden of the song:

"Oh sweep, girls! sweep in ha-a-r-d!"

From such we wake to find we ache

As though upon the rack:

Perhaps we've fallen victims to

The pangs of "curling back."

In any case we're bound to find

Our muscles are so sore

We scarce can drag domestic brooms

Across the kitchen floor;

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Its surfaces have marred.

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Farm Radio Forum Should Have More Rural Listeners

FARMERS' ATTENTION

If we only had some way to get our grievances before the public, we would get some remedies and get our position bettered."

Well, we have that way offered to us through the medium of Farm Radio Forum. But like all other good things it requires some effort on our part. If you want to have Farm Radio Forum or the air next year, it is up to you to make use of it. If the Farmers do not show their interest by forming neighborhood groups, or where that isn't possible, Family Listening Groups, and sending in their Forum Findings regularly, their isn't apt to be any Farm Radio Forum next year.

In all of Alberta there are only 103 listening groups registered. Are you satisfied to let those few express their opinion for all Alberta? In the Viking District, I believe there are only two groups; I hope there are some we don't know about.

Next Monday night we get the opinions from Listening Groups all across Canada. Why not invite a few of your neighbors and elect a chairman and a secretary. Then send their names and the number of Farm Forum Guides you wish for your group, to Provincial Secretary, Farm Radio Forum, 325 Lougheed Building, Calgary.

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NEW BROOM

Heard at the poker party: "You

say your wife has had her hair dyed black? Why?" "She wants

to keep it dark."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF FOODSTUFFS

Visible stocks of Canadian wheat on January 10th amounted to 354,814,388 bushels, a decline of approximately 3,700,000 bushels from the previous week's figures—Rumania's corn crop this year was not favorable as a whole, and it is not likely that there will be much surplus for export—The U. S. will purchase an additional 37 million bushels of Canadian wheat for livestock feed.

Corn planting in South Africa has made good progress, and it is probable that there will be a full acreage this season—Chile's wheat acreage for the 1943-1944 crop year is estimated at 2,00,000 acres, compared with 1,845,000 acres last year.



ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 23rd, at 2 p.m.

Please take notice the change of time which will be continued during the winter months.

UNITED CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 23rd

Irma—Sunday School, 11 a.m.

Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.

A hearty invitation to all.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle—2:15 p.m.

Bible Class for all.

3:30 p.m.—Gospel Service.

Hardisty—Oddfellows' Hall

8:45 p.m.—Gospel Service.

A very cordial welcome to you.

"Jesus saith: They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."—Mark 2:17.

A.F.U. NOTES

The Irma A.F.U. local held their annual meeting in Hedley's Hall, January 10th. A good crowd turned out to hear a talk by the provincial president on the hog situation and other matters of vital interest to farmers. New officers were chosen for the coming year, and 25 members paid their dues.

After the business meeting, entertainment was forthcoming from the children of the Ross District. This consisted of a short play and some acrobatics. The children were excellent.

On February 1st, the A.F.U. will have a social gathering at Hedley's Hall, on February 2nd, at 8:30 p.m.

Meanwhile remember the A.F.U. has fought long and hard for a better deal for the hog producer. The recently announced increase in prices did not come easily. Make it a point to join the local, and attend the meetings too, don't forget.

IN MEMORIAM

I loving embryo of a dear husband and brother, James A. Thomson, who passed away January 22, 1940.

Four years have passed.

Since that sad day, When the one we loved Was called away.



Britain's Merchant Navy

DURING THE EARLY PART of the war, much attention was focused on the work of the British Merchant Navy. With the increasing tempo of the Allied attacks on land and by air, less has been heard of this branch of the service, although we have never ceased to be aware of the continuous part it plays in the prosecution of the war. It has been pointed out that in the last war, Britain's main supply line to her fighting forces was from Southampton to Havre, a distance of a little over one hundred miles. In this war, the supply line to the Middle East, around the Cape, is almost 12,000 miles. During 1941, three hundred ships were continuously in operation over this route, and by April of 1942, over three million tons of military supplies, including one million tons of foodstuffs, had been delivered to Egyptian ports. During the campaign in North Africa, more than 10,500,000 tons of Allied merchant shipping were used to carry supplies for the forces there, and we are told that on one night in March, 1943, more than one million tons of shipping were en route from Gibraltar to supply bases of the armies in Tunisia.

A Perilous And Difficult Task One of the greatest and most perilous tasks undertaken by the British Merchant Navy in this war, has been that of maintaining the flow of supplies from this continent to Britain. During the anxious times in 1940 and 1941, when Britain stood alone against Germany, the whole course of the war depended on the ability of the British people to produce war materials. The Merchant Navy kept them supplied with vital raw materials and food at that time, and is continuing to do so. We are told that up to the middle of June, 1943, twelve thousand ships, carrying over 77 million tons of cargo, had been convayed to Britain from Canada alone. Canadian merchant ships, and those of Allied countries, were included in these figures. In addition, over 200,000 Canadian soldiers have been taken to Britain by the Merchant Navy. It has also been pointed out that during the first three months of 1943, more than two and a quarter million tons of British shipping was working for the United States, under the mutual aid agreement between the two countries. Under the same agreement British transports have been given to the United States to carry American troops overseas.

Many Tributes Well Deserved The Merchant Navy has carried large quantities of supplies to Russia over the dangerous northern route to Murmansk. The enemy has continuously hampered the progress of merchant ships on this route, yet by the end of 1942 nineteen large convoys had reached Russia, and many have gone through since that time. A long and hazardous supply route has also been maintained to India, and large quantities of reinforcements and equipment have been sent there. One convoy which recently reached India was said to be so large that it could not be received at a single port, but had to be divided among several Indian sea ports. In the first three years of the war convoys of British merchant ships, manned by crews from Britain, the British Dominions, India, the Colonies, and from Allied and neutral countries, have travelled over 125,000,000 ship miles, which is equivalent to six thousand times around the world. This branch of the services without doubt deserves the many tributes it has received, for it is clear that upon it has depended much of our success thus far, and that it will be equally vital until the last battle is won.

Doubling Up

How A Man Made Two Matches Out Of One

I feel you ought to meet an ingenious young man, who generously shared with fellow-passengers in the train his method of countering the match famine.

It is so simple. He merely alights the match down with a razor blade so that a blob of brimstone is left adhering to each half. By this means a box of matches goes twice as far.

The halved matches are thin, but not too thin to strike without breaking if a little care is used.—Leeds Yorkshire Post.

First zoo in American was founded at Halifax in 1847 by Andrew Downis.

Use Of Plastics

Many Plastics Have Beginning Down On The Farm

The importance of plastics has been emphasized during this war, not only by architects and interior decorators, but by scientists. Many of these plastics are produced from farm oils.

There are hundreds of uses for plastics in the manufacture of instruments and equipment for the machines of war. These same plastics will also be used for the needs of peace after the war years are past.

The cultivation of soybeans in Canada has been intensified in recent years. Soybeans have a definite place in the waterproofing of fabrics, and soy meal may be used to make plastics. Soybeans, apart from their value as a high protein feed for livestock, also provide edible oil and can be converted into a lubricating oil.

Progress has also been reported in investigations in connection with sunflowers, another plant from which an edible oil may be extracted.

A New Habit

Britons Assured That Chewing Gum Will Not Alter The Profile

The Daily Mirror was so concerned over the spread of the American-imported gum-chewing habit among Britons that it asked the Royal Anthropological Institute whether this would alter the British profile. The institute replied sagely that Britons could chew "from now until doomsday without making any difference to the jowl."

SOLID MOLASSES

A process for dehydrating molasses and packing it in dry form has been developed by the U.S. Board of Economic Warfare. Finished solid blocks of molasses can be stored for indefinite periods in ordinary warehouses and sheds, and can be shipped, handled, and stored as general dry cargo.

Our Boys And Girls On Active Service

(By J. G.)

A portable medical laboratory for ships at sea has been developed by the R.C.N. research unit. Like a pack, it has a weight of about 10 lbs. It will be instrumental in saving lots of lives in the future. About 100 kits are already being distributed. From it they can make tests, diagnose, treat, do bacteriological work, tuberculosis and diphtheria may be detected; there is enough blood grouping serum for 100 tests. Another important feature, it makes possible the giving of intravenous fluids, including water, in the preparation of drinking water, often in foreign ports a matter of grave concern.

How an electrically-heated flying suit probably saved the life of Lt. G. W. Morris of Bowmans Lake, Manitoba, got the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal over seas. Rear gunner in a heavy bomber, he was hit in the right thigh during a raid on the mid-air night fighter smash-up the mid-air. He pulled a bullet into Meadow's back. It hit the wiring in his electric flying suit, was deflected and cut his right groin. He continued to man his gun, however, shooting off eight attacks with his wireless operator and navigator wounded. The citation is highly laudatory of his gallant action.

The lad in the fighting ship looks with loving eyes on the big, ungainly mother ships which are part of navy units and very necessary, indeed, to the safety of our beloved haven of comparative safety where men back from duty rest and relax. She looks a bit queer, the other ship, a freighter between her from either, with her repair shops and oversized sleeping quarters and galley. Actually she is the largest ship built in Canada to fly the white ensign, the flag of a nation of navy, broad across beam, slow and stolid, with oil-pipes seaming her deck and loading boms jutting above them. The ship's company is all specialists.

Recently a detachment of the girls of the Polish Women's Auxiliary Naval Service in Montreal from all over Canada in their uniforms. They are joining the P.W.A.C. in London, England, for various highly specialized jobs. Two of them are refugees from Poland, and the four years on this ship will be their first in Canada. They are to be attached to the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Royal Canadian Army. They will be given training in seamanship, navigation, cooking, laundry, and other domestic duties. They will be given training in seamanship, navigation, cooking, laundry, and other domestic duties.

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You will find that the price of fish is influenced by the locality and seasons, so you should buy fish when it is in season and the varieties that are caught near your home, for economy's sake.

Another doubtful point in many of your minds is how to tell fresh fish. If the eyes are full and bright, the gills red, the flesh firm and elastic, and there is no disagreeable odour—then the fish is fresh. If you wish to have fish that is not caught near you, it may be bought economically if it has been frozen, packed, and shipped or canned. You now have a wide choice in respect to the varieties and the preservation.

You must not cook fish the same way as you do meat. You must have noticed that fish is never tough. This is due to the fact that there is no connective tissue as there is in meat. Fish should be cooked only long enough (10 minutes per pound is sufficient) to develop the flavour and change the texture. Prolonged cooking dries out the fish and spoils the flavour.

You should cook fish several different ways to add a variety to your menu. Fillets and small fish may be broiled or pan-broiled in oil or fat and baked during the cooking to prevent the fish drying out. Fish may be coated with batter, fried or oven-cooked and served in fat at a high temperature to prevent the fat from getting into the fish. Larger fish may be stuffed and baked in a moderate oven, basting with melted fat, or salt pork or lean bacon placed on top of the fish will add richness and flavour. You could wrap fish to be boiled in cheese cloth to facilitate handling.

Lots of colour, flavour, and richness in fish can easily be supplied by garnishes and sauces; e.g., lemon, cucumber, parsley, tartar, tomato or mustard.

For tempting recipes write to the Western Division Health League of Canada, 111 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario.

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The play was made by women architects in Great Britain is winning growing recognition. The proportion of girls among the students at the School of Architecture has increased from 20% before the war to 50% today. Women architects are making a valuable contribution to the war effort, doing good work for several Ministries on the construction of factories, camps, aerodromes, hospitals and in the field of camouflage. Women are also busily engaged on the planning of post-war building.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

LEARNING

True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing.—Humphrey.

A heap of ill-chosen erudition is but the luggage of antiquity.—Balzac.

The aim of education should be to convert the mind into a living fountain, and not a reservoir. That which is filled by merely pumping in, will be emptied by pumping out.—John M. Mason.

To know the laws of God in nature and revelation, and then to fashion the affections and will into harmony with those laws—this is education.—S. F. Sceve.

The first consideration a wise man fixeth upon is the great end of his creation; what it is, and wherein it consists; the next is of the most proper means to that end.—Walker.

Sooner or later we shall learn that the fetters of man's finite capacity are forged by the illusion that he lives in body instead of in soul, in matter instead of in spirit.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

Time To Retire

By JANET DORAN

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Vicky Van closed the door to the main ward and sat down at the hard oak chair at the hard oak desk. gingerly she untied her shoes and slipped them off, wriggled her toes and sighed in deep relief. Her bunions throbbed like a toothache; it had hurt ever since the night she'd stood in the snow-covered hospital yard helping apply first aid measures to five smash-up victims.

It was silent with the brooding hush of dawn in the big hospital, and Vicki's fifty years rested heavily on her square shoulders at such times. Still, she wasn't old. Ridiculous that Dr. Baird should suggest she retire. Nurses and doctors at achieved their valuable years at this age.

The light over flared red and began winking violently. Nurse Van put on her shoes over protesting feet. Damn Mrs. Kelsey! She demanded more attention than the private patients with special nurses and topflight specialists dancing attendance on them. And there was nothing wrong with her except that she drank too much coffee, ate too many sweets and howled when she had a pain.

"Yes, Mrs. Kelsey," Vicky Van said soothingly.

"Call Dr. Baird, Miss Van; it's my heart again."

"Your heart is sound as a brick, Mrs. Kelsey," Vicki snapped. "And Dr. Baird can't be disturbed except in an emergency."

"You'd let me die like this?" Plainly Mrs. Kelsey accused Vicki of murder.

Vicky finished taking her pulse. Nodding, she took her temperature, and went to look at the sleeping girl in the curtained alcove next window.

Althea Valenski had an incurable cardiac disease, yet she made fewer demands than anyone else in the ward. Guessing her hours were numbered, she bore her pain and terror patiently least those few remaining days become a burden to others.

It was shrewd observation of Althea that provided Mrs. Kelsey with a pattern for her imaginary ailments. She opened her eyes now and smiled wanly at Vicki; reached to touch her hand mutely, then closed her eyes.

Back in her chair Vicki again took off her shoes. A baby cried fretfully in the maternity ward. In the diet kitchen a nurse whipped a milk shake, and the dumb-waiter stopped with the usual five o'clock coffee and toast.

Time to retire indeed, thought Vicki. She'd like to tell Dr. Baird a thing or two!

On duty at seven that night she found a call order awaiting her. "Super's office, Van; hope it isn't tough luck." The little day nurse flung her a warm smile as she hurried away.

"Miss Van, Dr. Baird wants you. It's Mrs. Kelsey—she's been reporting everyone from the janitor up for neglect of duty and mayhem today?" Dr. Baird demanded.

"Mrs. Kelsey's heart is as sound as yours, Doctor Baird. I thought you needed the rest."

"It's not your place to do my thinking for me, Miss Van! Mrs. Kelsey has made a difficult situation for all of us out of this. She complained to the Board and the Superintendent, and we'll be fortunate if she doesn't go to the City Hall and Capitol, too."

"I'm sorry, Doctor. It wasn't a heart attack."

"I'll have to give you a young assistant, Miss Van. I can't cope with this continued disturbance over trifles."

Vicky went about her work with a heavy heart. She wasn't too old. She wasn't! And she needed this job. She had no kin, nowhere to go, nothing to do beyond this. She'd built her whole life around nursing.

The light flashed sometime later and she jumped to answer the signal. But this time Mrs. Kelsey had pulled the cord for Althea, not herself. One look, and Vicki dove for the emergency cord.

"Get, Baird, on the run!" she ordered. Minutes that seemed hours later, she felt Dr. Baird's presence. Saw despair in his face as he worked to rally the fading spark of life.

It was unfortunate that Mrs. Kelsey took this occasion to stage one of her fake attacks. Unfortunately that Vicki was concerned with sav-

ing a life, not pandering to the tediums of a hypochondriac.

"My heart!" whimpered Mrs. Kelsey. Vicki, handing Dr. Baird instruments from the enamel tray, ignored her. Althea's face grew grey, her pulse fluttered lower, stopped, then flickered again.

"Water," moaned Mrs. Kelsey. "I'm dying!"

Vicky flung a glassful of ice water in her face and yanked a fresh needle into the adrenal injector. Dr. Baird worked on in the awful silence of desperation.

Hours afterwards, Vicki crept down the corridor, cap in hand, hair limp about a wet, exhausted face. Althea was alive, but she was through. "She'd damn Baird her respiration now. Time to retire when you lost your temper in a tight spot."

"Ah, Van, come in." Dr. Baird lit his briar and eyed her. Under beetling grizzled brows, "Glad we've Van, but it was a tough experience."

Vicky's tired eyes widened with surprise. Not a word about insubordination! Not a word about quitting.

"I came to tender my resignation, Dr. Baird. I guess you're right, it's time I retired."

"Resign? Retire? Great hat, what for, Van? Best nurse in an emergency we've ever had. Anyone less experienced would have fallen for that phony act the Kelsey woman staged, but you knew that every second counts when you're fighting a bad heart lesion."

"Thank you, Dr. Baird, guess I'll turn in," said Vicki feebly.

"Don't! Time we both had a little shut-eye. See you're on duty at time tonight, Van! We need you at Brandt Memorial."

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Logan, of Edmonton, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fletcher last weekend following their wedding in Edmonton last week. Mrs. Logan was formerly Miss Phyllis Marshall, of Edmonton.

Messrs. John Ostad and Carl Anquist were Edmonton visitors this week.

Mr. W. E. Walker arrived home this week from a holiday trip to Toronto and other eastern points where he visited old friends.

Mr. L. L. Guittier arrived back from the U.S.A. this week, where he enjoyed a well-earned holiday with his brother and other relatives.

Miss Ruth Moore, of Edmonton, has been visiting for a few days with Mrs. Vernon Peterson and family.

Messrs. Havie Elford, Peter Kozak and Ross McFarland went to Edmonton last week to enlist in the navy. On Wednesday, Havie and Pete came home after failing to pass their examinations. Ross passed and will go into training a little later on.

The increase in the price and the great shortage of honey has created demand for package bees that exceeds the supply. This, coupled with the shortage of help and the higher cost of cages and feed for shipping has caused an increase in prices. According to a price list received last week, two-pound packages will cost \$5.70 F.O.B., Edmonton, on orders for ten to twenty-five packages. By leaving your orders with E. W. Carter, Irma, you will receive the advantage of lower prices and less express charges. At least ten percent of the price should accompany the order, or all of it, if possible. Place your order now and they will receive prompt attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson left on Wednesday for a holiday trip to Calgary and other places. Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson expect to be away about a month.

The next C.C.F. card party will be held in Hedley's Hall on Saturday, January 22nd.

Miss Betty Black, of University Hospital staff, Edmonton, is home on her holidays.

One rink of curlers from Viking, with Mr. Thunell as skip, visited Irma last Saturday evening for a friendly game to try out the Irma ice. The visitors won from the local rink consisting of S. M. Brown, skip; H. L. Black, W. N. Frickleton and R. C. McFarland, by a margin of three points.

Several more ladies have now joined the Irma Curling Club, so that they now have members enough for five rinks. As soon as colder weather arrives the competition between these rinks will be very great.

ST. MARY'S W.A. ANNUAL MEETING

St. Mary's W.A. annual meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Axel Peterson on Tuesday, 18th inst. There was a good attendance, including our rector, Rev. L. A. Bralant, who took the chair for the election of officers. The annual report was given by Mrs. T. Sanders, secretary; showing a most decided improvement in all our activities. Financial report was most encouraging, and a real sincere and hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all our friends and neighbors who had so kindly helped us in making this possible. One of our members was greatly missed; prayers were offered on her behalf with our sincere trust that she may again be with us in our meetings in the near future. Mrs. Thurston, president; gave us her annual address, thanking all members for their hearty co-operation. Mrs. Edwin Sanders reported on her Dorcas work; Mrs. Parke, social service; reported our bazaar was much larger this year, and a letter from S. S. Convenor, was read, telling how gaily the garments were appreciated.

Mrs. Darling reported on her Missionary Prayer Partner work.

Mrs. Axel Peterson, Educational Secretary and Sick Convener, reported on her activities. All officers graciously accepted their office for the ensuing year with a prayer and trust that our work will be blessed with all good results.

V.—

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The annual Congregational meeting of St. Mary's Church was held in the evening of January 18th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson. A very good attendance was present. Mr. T. Thurston, "People's Warden," gave the annual report, also financial statement, which was truly wonderful; in so far that all liabilities had been met, (for the first time in quite a few years), and we are truly thankful for the many friends who have so kindly responded. The Rector reported church attendance fair (could be better) and communicants average attendance. In his address our Rector gave us great encouragement, thanking each one individually for their part in making our church services possible, pointing out after his 20-mile drive what a source of help and inspiration it is to him to find the church warm and the organist in his place.

Mr. Price Jones, retiring Rector, Warden, felt unable to carry on, Mr. Axel Peterson was elected in his stead. Mr. F. Thurston, after persuasion, was elected People's Warden.

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OATS DO NOT ALWAYS GROW

Reports of poor germination of samples of oats sent for test continue to reach this office. A report of three samples from the Hugheenden district was seen recently. All samples appeared in good condition and weighed up over forty pounds per bushel. Germinations recorded were: 18 per cent., 32 per cent. and 85 per cent.

Judging by reports covering the whole of this district of supervision the condition represented by these three tests is typical. About half the samples are quite satisfactory for use for seed, germinating 80 per cent and up. Of the remainder, about half germinate between 30 per cent—55 per cent, and the rest are almost a complete failure.

Some farmers are going to take a chance on their oats growing, but if they do, it is a fifty-fifty chance that the field will be a failure. Don't get caught on anything so simple. Send in your sample and make sure, but do it now. Seed testing agencies are busy, but they will be a whole lot busier later on. Tests may be arranged through your local elevator agents, or send samples and 50c to Plant Products Division.

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WHEAT BOARD PAYMENTS

Commencing about March 1st the Canadian Wheat Board will be distributing final payments on deliveries from the 1940, 1941, and 1942 crops. Preliminary work is already under way. Farmers would be well advised to check up their participation certificates as these have to be surrendered at the time the payment is issued. If any are missing you should write to the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg, and inform them of the fact.

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The Alma Mater and Roseberry Ladies' Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. Carrington. The Devotional period will be conducted by Mrs. Oldham. This will be held Thursday afternoon, January 27th, and being the annual meeting a full attendance of members and friends is urgently requested. Mrs. Oldham will assist the hostess in serving.

V.—

An enjoyable evening was spent at Albert School on Friday, January 14th. Some engaged in whist while others enjoyed bingo. The top scores in whist were held by Mr. and Mrs. Dallow. The sum of \$12.63 was cleared, and is to be used to start the Albert Junior Red Cross.

V.—

We are really having our January thaw this week. Our winter weather so far has been easy on fuel, but we still have a couple of months ahead of us. The mild weather has called a halt to curling—only two games were played last Tuesday evening. Further games are being postponed until colder weather.

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FORETHOUGHT REQUIRED IN WEED CONTROL

Many bulletins and pamphlets on weed control are available at the present time. They tell the farmer, how to eradicate various weeds, it is true, but in many cases the method of control outlined is too expensive, requires machinery which is not available to the average farmer, or is applicable only to certain types of farming.

In too many cases the eradication of weeds is dealt with as a problem apart from the general farm program, and no mention is made of instituting a farm program which will prevent a recurrence of the problem. An extensive fallow may eradicate a certain weed, but if the farmer then reverts to the same type of farming that he was carrying on previously the expensive operation is certain to be required again sooner or later.

The farm program should take into consideration the prevention or control of weeds and the maintenance of soil fertility says H. J. Mather, Supervisor, Soil Conservation and Weed Control. If this were done the productivity of the soil could be maintained and the excessive costs of eradicating serious weed infestations largely avoided.

Good farming is the best answer to our weed problem. This implies a thorough study of the weed infestation on the farm and the laying out of a program of cropping which will take advantage of every available means to reduce it.

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